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Hon. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34893, The Chicago,  
Lake Shore And South Bend Railway Company  
- Acquisition And Operation Exemption -  
Norfolk Southern Railway Company

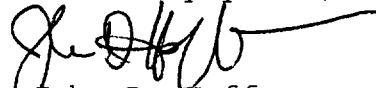
Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of The Chicago, Lake Shore And South Bend Railway Company ("CLS&SB"), applicant in the above-captioned proceeding. On June 14, 2006, CLS&SB filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire approximately 3.2 miles of railroad trackage in and around South Bend, IN, which Norfolk Southern Railway Company had proposed to sell. Subsequently, on July 6, the Board published a decision acknowledging the filing of this exemption notice.

By this letter, CLS&SB requests permission to withdraw that notice without prejudice. By this letter I am also advising you that Norfolk Southern Railroad concurs in this request and consents to this representation by counsel for CLS&SB.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

  
John D. Heffner  
Counsel

cc: All parties  
Mr. Robert Harris  
Mr. Gary Landrio